

SUMMARY STATEMENT BOLL WEEVIL QUARANTINE

The Boll Weevil Quarantine rule will regulate movement of products, farm machinery and other equipment from areas that are infested with cotton boll weevils into/or through areas that have eradicated or essentially eradicated the cotton boll weevil.

This rule defines regulated products and what actions are required to insure those regulated articles are free of boll weevils before they are allowed into to move into weevil free areas from infested areas. It establishes mechanisms to allow formulation of compliance agreements, to complete certification procedures and to define when an area is considered 'weevil free'.

The rule defines the parameters that will be utilized to determine when an infraction has occurred and what the consequences of any infraction would be.

A state formulated Cotton Boll Weevil Quarantine will allow the state to regulate a relatively small area for a weevil infestation and preclude the imposition of a state-wide federal quarantine as the result of a localized boll weevil outbreak.